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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Senate Resolutions Limiting Treaty Powers

REFERENCE: Memorandum from the President to All Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies, dtd 23 May 1952, subject: S.J. Res. 122 and S.J. Res. 130

1. The limitations proposed in the Joint Resolutions on the power of the Executive to enter into treaties and agreements with foreign powers are of serious concern to CIA, but it is recommended that CIA not appear and testify before the Senate committee.

2. In relation to these Resolutions, it is the position of the State Department that [REDACTED] ed, and all a [REDACTED] Many treaties and agreements, public in nature, affect CIA indirectly and any limitation of the power of the Executive to enter into such agreements will have an indirect adverse effect on CIA. These open agreements are, however, primarily a matter for the State Department and the manner in which they affect CIA is so sensitive and secret that CIA should not seek to testify.

3. It is recommended that CIA offer its assistance to the White House staff, the State Department and the Department of Defense in any manner they request short of testifying before the Senate subcommittees.

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